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SUBJ: ECONADS: DEC. 5-6 EXPERTS MEETING ON THE ECONOMIES OF BULGARIA,
POLAND AND ROMANIA

REF: USNATO 6706

1. DECEMBER 5-6 ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING TO CONSIDER DEVELOPMENTS
IN ECONOMICS OF BULGARIA, POLAND, AND ROMANIA WAS UNUSUALLY
PRODUCTIVE DUE TO PRESENCE OF LARGE NUMBER OF EXPERTS FROM
CAPITALS AND FROM ALLIED EMBASSIES IN EASTERN EUROPE. FRANCE,
FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND UK HAD OFFICIALS FROM FOREIGN MINISTERIES
OR INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, WHILE CANADA, UK, AND US DELEGATIONS WERE
REINFORCED BY ATTENDANCE OF OFFICERS FROM EMBASSIES IN EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED. CONTRIBUTIONS BY US FOREIGN SERVICE
OFFICERS WERE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE.

2. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE WILL PREPARE BRIEF SUMMARY ON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENTS IN EACH OF THREE COUNTRIES BASED ON ORIGINAL
STUDIES AND ON DISCUSSION BY EXPERTS DURING MEETING. ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE SUMMARIES
FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE COUNCIL.

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3. DURING MEETING, EXPERTS NOTED THAT US, FRG, AND FRANCE HAVE
WIDELY DIFFERING ESTIMATES OF PER CAPITA GNP FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES. PARAGRAPH 5 OF US PAPER ON ROMANIA (AC/127-D/499)
CONTAINS FOLLOWING ESTIMATES OF 1973 PER CAPITA GNP:

EAST GERMANY \$2,870
CZECHOSLOVAKIA \$2,710
HUNGARY \$1,850
BULGARIA \$1,830
OLAND \$1,820
ROMANIA \$1,630
YUGOSLAVIA \$1,200
ALBANIA \$ 600

ON THE OTHER HAND, PARAGRAPH 1 OF FRG PAPER ON BULGARIA
(AC/127-D/496) ESTIMATES 1972 PER CAPITA GNP OF BULGARIA AT \$760,
YUGOSLAVIA AT \$850, AND ROMANIA AT SOMEWHAT ABOVE \$850. ESTIMATES OF
FRENCH DELEGATION FALL BETWEEN US AND FRG FIGURES. IN ATTEMPT TO
RECONCILE DIFFERING ESTIMATES, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ASKED FRENCH,
FRG, AND US DELEGATIONS TO RECHECK AND PROVIDE MOST CURRENT ESTIMATES
OF EASTERN EUROPEAN PER CAPITAGNPS IN CONSTANT DOLLARS USING 1972
AS BASE YEAR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE PER CAPITA GNP
ESTIMATES AS NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE.BRUCE

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